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EXAMINING GROUP 2114

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Inventor(s):  
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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD  
FOR DETERMINING A  
GLOBAL ORDERING OF  
EVENTS USING  
TIMESTAMPS

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action of December 21, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.

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